

**AGENDA for
City Council Members' "NOON" Meeting
Monday, October 9, 2000
Immediately Following Director's Meeting
Conference Room 113**

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for October 2, 2000.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES

1. Community Development Task Force Meeting (Cook)
2. Joint Budget Committee (McRoy/Seng)
3. Mayor's Downtown Action Team Meeting (Seng)
4. Lincoln Partnership For Economic Development Investors Meeting (Shoecraft)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. FACE THE CHAMBER WITH THE GOVERNOR - Join The Chamber for lunch as Governor Mike Johanns discusses current events on Wednesday, October 11, 2000 from Noon until 1:00 p.m. - Registration, at the Country Club of Lincoln at 3200 South 24th Street, begins at 11:45 a.m. - As a Chamber member, your entire employment is welcome. Admission is \$12.00 (\$15.00 at the door) and includes lunch – RSVP no later than Monday, October 9, 2000 (See Invitation).
2. Letter of Invitation from Mo Anker, USWA 286 2000 Retiree's and Steward's Banquet - You and your spouse or guest are cordially invited to attend the USWA Local 286 COPE Banquet. The Banquet will be held at Misty Isles Social Hall on Saturday, October 21, 2000. The social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. RSVP by October 12, 2000 (See Invitation).

3. Please join the University of Nebraska Men's Basketball Coach Barry Collier and his wife Annette for An evening of Holiday Cheer to benefit the Child Advocacy Center -- on Sunday, November 5, 2000 at the Embassy Suites Hotel - Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and Dinner at 7:00 p.m. – Silent and Live Auction - Cash Bar - Cocktail Attire - \$35.00 per person - RSVP by October 15, 2000 (See Invitation for more details)(PLEASE FILL OUT ENCLOSED CARD).
4. U.S. Department of State Town Meeting – co-sponsored by Mayor's Committee for International Friendship, Mayor's Office-City of Lincoln, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce - on Thursday, October 19, 2000 from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at University of Nebraska, Student Union Auditorium, 14th & "R" Street - Dolores Mather at 488-4228 (See Invitation).
5. We are pleased to invite you to the third E-Commerce Seminar presented by Deloitte & Touche LLP - Please join them at the Marriott Regency Hotel, 10220 Regency Circle in Omaha, Nebraska – on Thursday, October 19, 2000 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – RSVP by October 16, 2000 to Kelly Harris (See Invitation).

V. COUNCIL MEMBERS

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

VII. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE

III. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes
City Council Members' "NOON" Meeting
Monday, October 9, 2000
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Council Members Present: Jerry Shoecraft, Chair; Jeff Fortenberry, Vice-Chair; Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook, Cindy Johnson, Annette McRoy, Coleen Seng.

Others Present: Jennifer Brinkman, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Darrell Podany, Aide to Councilman Camp; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Chris Hain, *Journal Star* representative.

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for October 2, 2000.

Mr. Shoecraft, Council Chair, requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Coleen Seng moved approval of the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Cook and carried by the following vote: AYES: Jonathan Cook, Annette McRoy, Cindy Johnson, Jerry Shoecraft, Jeff Fortenberry, Coleen Seng, Jon Camp. NAYS: None.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES

1. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE (Cook) - Mr. Cook reported that the Task Force had held a public hearing on two amendments on the option plan, but the big discussion was whether to televise the group's meetings. Mr. Cook explained that by the time we televise the proceedings, we've had the input and we don't have anything to say because we've already done the work in committee meetings ahead of time; so there we are, just a committee full of people watching Urban Development make a presentation. So, in view of this, the thought was that instead of televising committee members sitting, we should actually have a more polished presentation put together by Urban Development Staff. That would be when they can actually have a program on Channel

5 explaining what the Community Development Task Force is about and where the federal money goes and so on - to show the various projects. We could then indicate when the public hearing times are scheduled so the public can attend if they're interested, or if they want to volunteer to serve on the committee. We felt that this approach might actually be more useful than holding televised meetings. That's the direction we're going to try to take.

Ms. Seng asked if the CD Task Force met here in the County-City Building? Mr. Cook indicated that normally they meet at the Downtown Senior Center. They met here only for their televised meeting, during which they were all packed around the table like sardines....there are too many Task Force members to make it easy to televise.

2. JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE (McRoy/Seng) Ms. Seng reported that JBC, after consideration of the Human Needs Study, moved to hire the Public Policy Center from the University. This was just the initial approval - the final decision will have to be made by the City and County decision makers. The contract details are yet to be worked out, but this was an initial step in the process. The JBC wanted an entity that could give us information we needed and not require us to give them direction. We needed someone who had more knowledge than we did, and the Public Policy Center was far ahead of the other two applicants in this area.

Ms. Seng reported that there are two staff openings in the Urban Development Office. Wynn Hjermsstad has decided to take the Community Development Director spot. Julie Post has also left to go with a private firm.

Ms. Seng stated that she informed the Committee that she was a part of the Malone Strategic Planning group made up of the Malone Center Board, the Malone [inaudible] Board, the Malone Neighborhood Board, plus others, that were involved in choosing Scott who took us through a process.

Ms. Seng mentioned that the Human Services Activity Report received from Kit Boesch indicates that the Medical Transportation Committee is short \$200,000 annually. Ms. Seng stated that this is basically due to the Madonna Center, and is an issue that really needs to be addressed. This is the piece that has to get picked up beyond what StarTran can do.

Number Seven on that report sheet, Project CHIRP, has officially been

assumed by the Red Cross. That's translation and it's a very good program.

Ms. McRoy mentioned that the Committee had also talked about the Community Resource Centers and a presentation had been made. Ms. Seng agreed that there had been a lot of suggestions and input regarding that subject. So, JBC is putting together a letter requesting clarification on some of the issues brought up at the meeting following the presentation. Ms. McRoy felt that some of these issues needed to be clarified. She felt there appears to be a lot of redundancy in the existing programs and agencies. This pilot program needs a lot more work and needs to be fleshed out a lot more with a re-design. JBC did have a lot of concerns and will get a letter to them outlining those concerns.

3. MAYOR'S DOWNTOWN ACTION TEAM (Seng) Ms. Seng noted that the meeting had been held on Thursday and she thought the PBC meeting will probably hear the same information tomorrow. She noted that Dallas McGee was there with the draft form of the request for qualifications for the Old Federal Building. Ms. Seng reported that they're doing a walk through for potential or possible developers later this month.

On the Downtown Entertainment Center: Ms. Seng noted that David Livingston had been at the meeting and this project seems to be coming along. They're still working on the alcohol issue with the Center being so close to Southeast Community College Campus. They think that issue is pretty well settled, but there still is some question.

On the St. George Building: (This is the one owned by Mike Rutger) The repair of the roof will be done by December. That's a good/bad situation. It's good that it is being done, but we're trying to figure out how to get a sky-walk through there.

The Lincoln Building on 10th & "O" Street: Ms. Seng noted that the project is being done in two different pieces. There is housing at several levels and then the lower floors will be open for possible commercial or business uses. The City is doing a sky-walk to the Senior Center and the bids are being re-let.

Ms. Seng commented that after all the big concern when Benefit Life moved out...well guess what? Benefit Life is still using some space down in one of their older buildings because they didn't have enough room in their

relocation site. But the Old Benefit Building, on the northeast corner at 15th, is 50% leased already. The Lincoln Public Schools are in one of those buildings with their Tech Center.

Mr. Fortenberry asked who the other tenants were? Ms. Seng noted that she could not tell him who the others are....not that the material is confidential, she just did not know. Mr. Camp stated that IBM would be moving in; and Sprint/MCI will be there. Ms. Seng commented that a new bank would be there as well. The Council briefly discussed the infrastructure reconfiguration involved in these moves.

Ms. Seng noted that the next meeting of the Downtown Action Team will be in November - it will cover telecommunications because there had been several questions regarding this issue, but they had run out of time

Ms. Seng also noted that Ms. Polly McMullen reported, even though this has not been announced yet, that the University Club's top two floors are evidently almost leased. It was asked if that would be for a restaurant but Ms. Seng indicated that she thought it was for housing, though she was not sure.

She noted that in the Haymarket area, the vacated Sullivan Transfer Company building (the company having moved out to West "O" Street), is now being converted into loft housing. Ms. Seng asked Mr. Camp if that was correct and he said no. She noted that there had been a lot of reports about various things that were going on.

4. LINCOLN PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTORS (Shoecraft) Mr. Shoecraft did not attend. He did mention that he and Mr. Fortenberry would be sharing the responsibilities of this committee. Ms. Ray indicated that the Staff had made an indication to that effect on the Council Member's Committee Roster.

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS: - None

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - None

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS – Noted Without Comment

V. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JONATHAN COOK - Mr. Cook briefly mentioned the article in the Omaha *“World Herald”* regarding theater subsidies. The article was not supportive of the practice. Mr. Cook did not know if the article would apply to Lincoln’s proposed multiplex theater project because we have so few theaters compared to those cities in the article. But, still, it’s an issue that people have read about, so if Council would like to review the article, it might be wise. Mr. Cook had Council Staff copy the article for each Council member.

ANNETTE McROY - No Further Comments

CINDY JOHNSON - No Further Comments

JERRY SHOECRAFT - No Further Comments

JEFF FORTENBERRY - No Further Comments

COLEEN SENG - No Further Comments

JON CAMP - Mr. Camp commented that he would like any input that the other Council Members might have as the discussion on Highway 2 and 70th Street draws closer. He stated that any thoughts Council Members might have on the issue would be appreciated since this is in his district. Ms. Seng thought everyone would be wanting information from Mr. Camp! [Laughter]

Mr. Shoecraft noted that, regarding this issue, it would be pretty awkward for Council to do anything other than approve this project. There have been two public hearings on the matter where Council said yes to the commercial zoning designation. So, it would be pretty awkward now at another public hearing to deny a project. Ms. McRoy noted that Council had not known what the project was when the zoning was approved. Mr. Shoecraft indicated that Council had, however, zoned it for commercial use. Mr. Fortenberry noted that it had been “designated” for commercial use.

Mr. Shoecraft stated that he did not see anything negative about Home Depot projects. He noted that he would wait until the public hearing before making a

decision, but reiterated that Council was in an awkward position at this point because of our earlier actions. It's something to think about when this issue is under consideration. Mr. Shoecraft noted that he anticipates that the same type of testimony they received at the first public hearings is the same type that they'll be getting at this public hearing. It's not necessarily singling out Home Depot...it's just any development there - the citizens will express the same concerns they expressed at the first two public hearings.

Mr. Shoecraft noted that he is looking forward to it.

JENNIFER BRINKMAN - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - None

VII. MISCELLANEOUS - Mr. Shoecraft asked Ms. Ray what numbers are given out to the public when they call in asking to contact a Council Member. Ms. Ray explained that only the numbers listed on the Public List which Council Members have approved for public information are given to the public, assuring Council that no cell phone numbers, no pager numbers nor personal numbers are ever given out to the public by Council Staff. Ms. McRoy requested that her business number be removed from the Public Listing and Ms. Ray indicated that Staff would do that immediately.

There was a brief discussion regarding listed and unlisted numbers in the Lincoln telephone book, reviewing the pluses and minuses thereof. Mr. Shoecraft noted that if a person has voice-mail, the phone company can list a Council Members name and put that office voice-mail in the telephone directory. Ms. Ray reminded Council Members who have voice-messaging in their offices that calls *are* forwarded to those numbers occasionally and perhaps they should remember to check for those messages now and then.

ADDENDUM - Noted Without Comment

VIII. MEETING ENDED - Approximately 12:32p.m,